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CHANGLOON, JUNE 27 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND OTHER SOURCES WERE PREPARED TO GIVE LOANS TO MALAYSIA BECAUSE THEY KNEW THE GOVERNMENT HAD NEVER MISUSED FUNDS.

THEY WERE ALSO WILLING TO PROVIDE THE LOANS BECAUSE OF THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS TRACTORS, SEEDLINGS AND LIVESTOCK TO SIX FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVES FROM KUBANG PASU AND PENDANG DISTRICTS HERE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REMINDED THEM THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED WITH POLITICAL STABILITY.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD SECURED FOREIGN LOANS PRIMARILY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE.

THE LOANS HAD BEEN OBTAINED AT LOW INTEREST RATES.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT PROJECTS TO UPLIFT THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF FARMERS IN THE COUNTRY WHILE ASSISTANCE WAS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO FISHERMEN.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SPOKE OF CERTAIN GROUPS OF PEOPLE, SMALL IN NUMBER, WHO MISUSED THE FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THERE WERE ALSO THOSE WHO OPPOSED THE GOVERNMENT AFTER HAVING ENJOYED BENEFITS BROUGHT TO THEM BY THE GOVERNMENT.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVES NOT TO MISUSE THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO THEM.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FARMERS' ORGANISATION AUTHORITY, HAJI AHMAD SARJI ABDUL HAMID.

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